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Amendments to the claims:

1. (currently amended) A power supply independent hot air dryer (3) device for generating a hot air flow (2), in which the heat (4) is generated by a catalytic heating element (5) that is supplied with a liquid fuel (6) from a fuel reservoir (10), and that the hot air flow (2) is generated by an electric blower (7), characterized in that wherein the device (1) hot air dryer (3) is provided with a fuel cell (8), which supplied wherein the fuel cell (8) supplies the blower (7) with electrical energy (9), and a wherein the reservoir (10) for the liquid fuel (6) is provided, which communicates via a valve (11) with the fuel cell (8) and the heating element (5) for the sake of jointly supplying the fuel cell (8) and the heating element (5) them with the liquid fuel (6).

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The hot air dryer (3) device according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the fuel cell (8) supplies not only the blower (7) but also an electronic control unit (12), and selectively other electric components (13) as well with electrical energy (9).

4. (currently amended) The hot air dryer (3) device according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the hot air dryer (3) device (1) is provided with a

viewing port (17), and the fuel reservoir (10), at least in the region of the viewing port (17), is of transparent material (18).